ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಹಾಗೇ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ, ಹಾಗೇನಾದರೂ ಪುಸಂಗ ಇದ್ದರೆ ರೈತರ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಯಂತೆ ನಿಗದಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೊಡಬಹುದು. ಅದರಂತೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now Question Hour is over.

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Check in the rise in Prices of Essential Articles

*Q.—48. Sri VATAL NAGARAJ (Chickpet).—

Will the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the prices of rice and other food articles are shooting up day by day ;

(*b*) the measures taken by Government to check the rise in prices of these articles ;

(*c*) whether they have received several complaints regarding the hardships caused to public in supplying adulterated food articles in fair price depots and also in not distributing foodgrains several times ;

(*d*) if so, the reasons for not taking any action in that behalf ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Government issues foodgrains only at fixed controlled prices. Prices of foodgrains in the open market fluctuate according to market conditions.

(*b*) The following measures are taken by Government to check the rise in prices of foodgrains :—

(i) Building up of buffer stocks by procurement and import and issue of foodgrains at uniform prices ;
(ii) Regulation of export of foodgrains from any place within the State to any place outside the State ;
(iii) Linking of surplus areas with deficit areas within the State, to ensure reasonable availability all over the State through a chain of Fair Price Shops ;
(iv) Free movement of foodgrains within the State ; and
(v) Issue of the Essential Articles (Display of Prices) Order, 1966.

(*c*) Normally, foodgrains of only fair average quality are distributed through Fair Price Shops. In the last week of February, owing to the transport bottlenecks, there was a shortfall in the supply of rice. Immediate remedial action was taken to ensure that the consumer's quota did not lapse.

(*d*) Does not arise.